

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A headrest for a patient-bearing surface,
comprising:
~~with~~ a rigid support shell, the support shell having an approximately
horseshoe-shaped form; and
a support cushion releasably connectable with the ~~rest~~ support shell;
~~characterized in that;~~
wherein the ~~[[rest]]~~ support shell ~~has an approximately horseshoe-shaped~~
~~form with~~ includes a central section for supporting the rear or forehead of a head
of a patient, ~~which central section has and having~~ a support surface of
approximately spherical shell shape, ~~and with~~ two side sections spaced from one
another, the side sections each having a [[the]] support surface ~~surfaces of which~~
~~side sections conform at least approximately [[to]] a common cylindrical surface~~
shape whose axis runs parallel to a line of symmetry of the ~~head-support shell~~
~~running between the side sections with there being,~~ and a cheekbone support on
each of the side sections, each which cheekbone support projects ~~projecting in the~~
~~direction~~ toward the other side section.
2. Cancelled.
3. (Currently Amended) The headrest according to claim 1, wherein the ~~rest~~
support shell is made of plastic.
4. (Currently Amended) The headrest according to claim 1, wherein the
support cushion on its side facing the ~~rest~~ support shell carries at least two stick
pins designed for insertion into through going bores in the ~~rest~~ support shell.

5. (Currently Amended) The headrest according to claim 4, wherein the stick pins each have a cylindrical shaft which the cylindrical shaft has having an elastically resilient band with an external diameter slightly larger than ~~the a~~ diameter of ~~said the~~ bores.
6. (Currently Amended) The headrest according to claim 1, wherein ~~it is the~~ support shell is divided into two mirror image similar partial ~~supports shells~~ along ~~its the~~ line of symmetry.
7. (Currently Amended) The headrest according to claim 1, wherein the ~~headrest~~ support shell or each partial ~~rest shell~~ is connected to a fastening block for holding ~~it the support shell or partial shell~~ to a profiled rail.
8. (Currently Amended) The headrest according to claim 1, wherein an eye is formed on the outer edge of each side section ~~is formed an eye~~ for ~~the~~ fastening of a belt ~~for fixing to fix~~ the head of ~~a the~~ patient to the headrest.
9. (New) A headrest for a patient-bearing surface comprising:
 - a rigid support shell having an approximately horseshoe-shaped form;
 - and
 - a support cushion releasably connectable with the support shell;
 - wherein the support shell includes a central section for supporting the rear or forehead of a head of a patient and having a support surface of approximately spherical shell shape, two side sections spaced from one another, the side sections each having a support surface of approximately a common cylindrical shape whose axis runs parallel to a line of symmetry of the support shell, and a cheekbone support on each of the side sections, each cheekbone support projecting toward the other side section; and
 - wherein the side sections include end portions separated from each other to define an open region for mouthparts of the patient's face to fit therein.